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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MODEL

There are currently a number of public and private initiatives at various stages of planning and implementation involving multiple County agencies, community advocates and partners, all with the goal of improving the lives of children and families in Los Angeles County. They include programs and services across the continuum of care, such as Homelessness, Child Abuse Prevention, the Mental Health Services Act, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act, and First 5 L.A.'s Partnerships for Families. Each initiative has separate requirements as well as multi-million dollar funding streams and resources.

Efforts over the years, through various Board motions as well as by the New Directions Task Force, the Children's Planning Council and the Service Integration Branch, have been somewhat successful at integrating these and other initiatives. Yet the issue-focused approach of these efforts has rendered the initiatives fragmented and duplicative. It is important to learn from nationwide experiences in order to develop a successful overall, countywide strategy on how agencies can prevent duplication of efforts and wasted resources; and maximize revenues to improve outcomes for children and families.

Dr. David Sanders and Casey Family Programs have worked with national experts and jurisdictions across the country serving children and families. In addition, drawing upon his work in Los Angeles County, Dr. Sanders has first-hand knowledge of some of the obstacles that prevent better integration of multiple County agencies. This places Dr. Sanders in a uniquely qualified position to lend his expertise to developing a viable Health and Human Services model for Los Angeles County at no cost to the County.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer to collaborate with Dr. David Sanders and Casey Family Programs; and to report back in 90 days with recommendations for developing an effective Health and Human Services model for Los Angeles County, which would better integrate its multiple-agency planning and implementation efforts toward improving the lives of Los Angeles County's children and families.

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